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I am very concerned about establishing a Walmart Bank. Our communities' commerce is being wiped out by such competition and I fear the same of the communities' banks. We are also losing our sense of community as local business gets absorbed by such a conglomerate.

Also, too much power in the hands of a few is dangerous historically and also not what a capitalism is all about.

In addition, I am not pleased with Walmart's practices in general. I do not shop there and encourage others to patronize local businesses instead. To have them with a bank now would just be too much.

Thank you for weighing everything very carefully, including attending the hearing to listen to concerns, before making a decision which I hope will be a NO to Walmart.

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